



November 1, 2007

Dear Carmel Residents and Businesses:

Please join me in honoring our military veterans at the City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 9th at noon at the Steven A. Coutts Fire Headquarters at Civic Square. (We are holding our ceremony on the 9th so that local veterans may still participate in the Veterans Day parade and other activities on November 11th in Indianapolis.)

It is important for us, as a community, to honor those who have served in our armed forces. The sacrifices of our courageous veterans helped build this great nation, and their commitment continues to keep it strong. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

As part of the Veterans Day ceremony, Major General Richard D. Chegar, United States Army Reserve (Retired), will be our keynote speaker, and the winners of our "Honoring All Who Served" poster and essay contests will be recognized. A musical tribute to veterans will be presented by the Carmel Elementary School Choir under the direction of Cindy Baney and The Actors Theatre of Indiana's own "Andrews Sisters" will also perform.

If you do not have the day off from work, I hope that you will make plans to attend this observance during your lunch hour. I look forward to seeing you there.

Very truly yours,
Jim Brainard
Mayor